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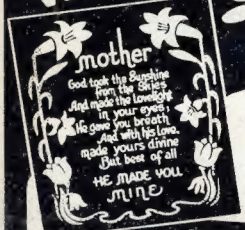

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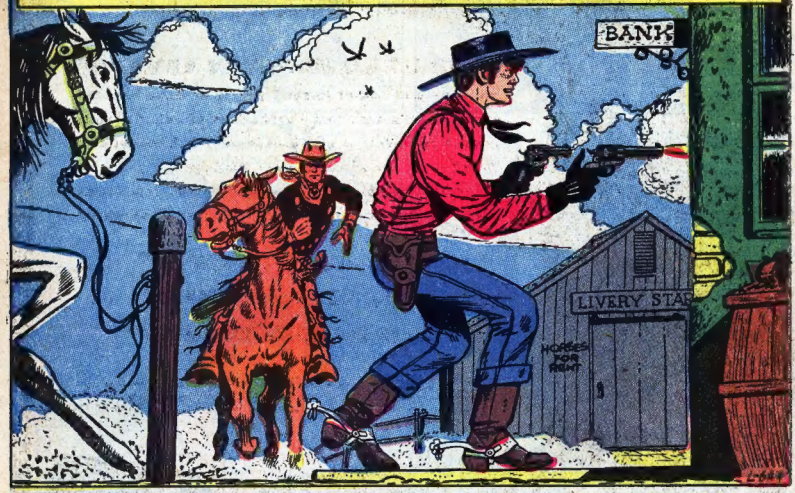
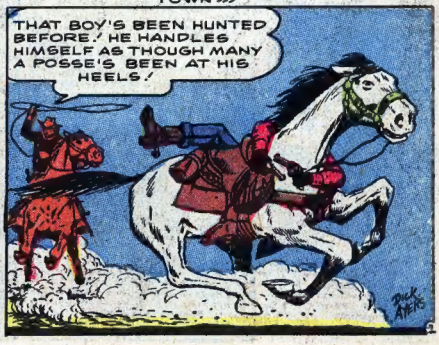
THE RAWHIDE KID

A THIN LINE SOMETIMES SEPARATED THE LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN FROM THE OUTLAW IN THE WILD FRONTIER DAYS, BUT LAWBREAKERS WERE HARSHLY DEALT WITH WHEN CAUGHT! IT TOOK SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF *THE RAWHIDE KID* TO DEAL WITH A YOUNG OUTLAW'S...

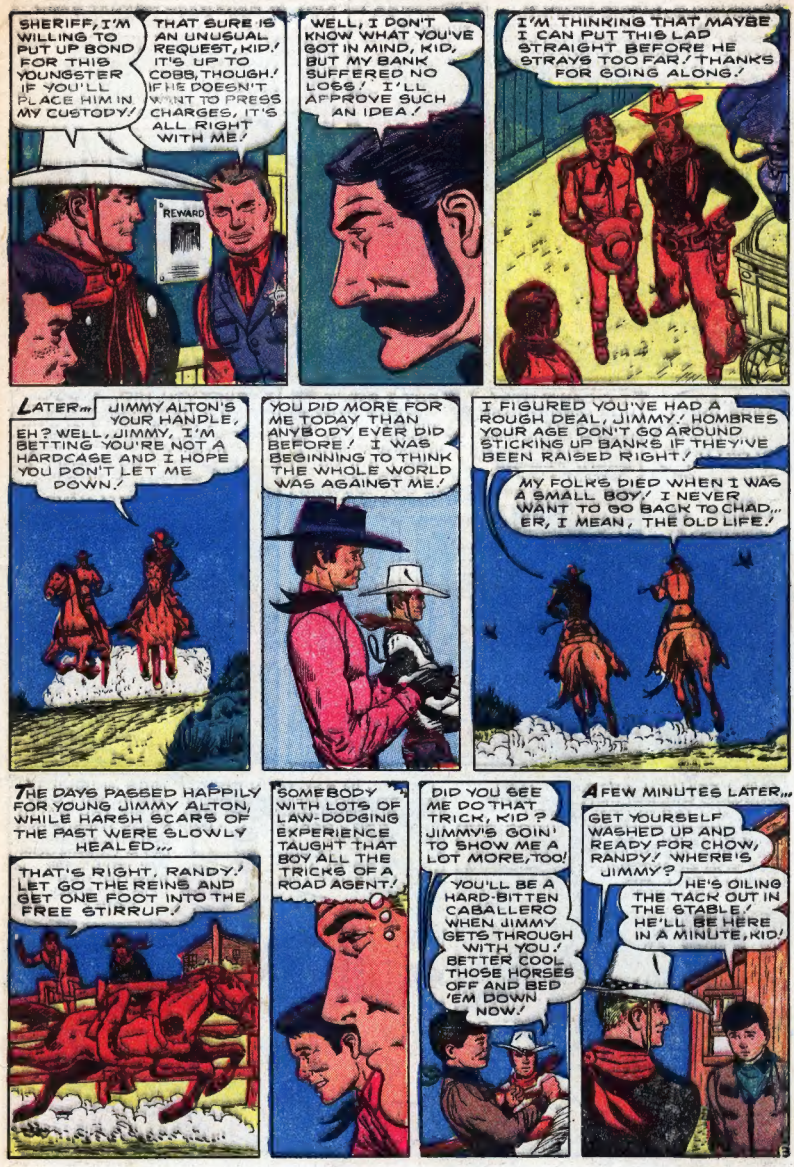
CODE OF HONOR!



THE YOUTHFUL BANK ROBBER KNEW ALL THE TRICKS AND NOW SHOWED HIS HEELS TO THE TOWN...



THE RAWHIDE RIATA SNAKED OUT AND LOOPED PERFECTLY...
GET SET TO BRACE, APACHE! HERE HE GOES!
AND A MOMENT LATER...
BRACE!
NOW TWO PAIRS OF COLTS SWAPPED ARGUMENTS...
YOU'RE NOT TAKING ME ALIVE!
I'M GOING TO TRY, AMIGO!
ON YOUR FEET AND DON'T GET FRISKY!
I DIDN'T STEAL ANYTHING! I DIDN'T WANT TO HIT THAT BANK IN THE FIRST PLACE!
LET ME GO BEFORE THE CROWD TAKES ME!
CLEAR OFF, KID! WE'LL TEACH THAT YOUNG RATTLER SOMETHIN' ABOUT LAW IN SHOTGUN CITY!
STAND BACK, ALL OF YOU! IF THERE'S ANY "TEACHING" TO BE DONE, WE HAVE JUDGES AND JURIES TO DO IT!
WE'LL SEE THAT HE GETS TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN ONE PIECE, KID! WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THE LAW IS RIGHT!
THANKS, CLEM! AS FAR AS I KNOW, NOBODY'S BEEN HURT AND NOTHING'S BEEN STOLEN!
LATER...
THAT'S THE MAN! HE DIDN'T SEEM ANXIOUS TO SACK THE BANK, BUT HE CERTAINLY PUT HIS GUNS TO WORK!
I DIDN'T WANT TO ROB THE BANK! I CAN'T EXPLAIN, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE SET FREE NOW!


SHERIFF, I'M WILLING TO PUT UP BOND FOR THIS YOUNGSTER IF YOU'LL PLACE HIM IN MY CUSTODY!
THAT SURE IS AN UNUSUAL REQUEST, KID! IT'S UP TO COBB, THOUGH! IF HE DOESN'T WANT TO PRESS CHARGES, IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME!
REWARD
WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT IN MIND, KID, BUT MY BANK SUFFERED NO LOSS! I'LL APPROVE SUCH AN IDEA!
I'M THINKING THAT MAYBE I CAN PUT THIS LAD STRAIGHT BEFORE HE STRAYS TOO FAR! THANKS FOR GOING ALONG!
LATER... JIMMY ALTON'S YOUR HANDLE, EH? WELL, JIMMY, I'M BETTING YOU'RE NOT A HARDCASE AND I HOPE YOU DON'T LET ME DOWN!
YOU DID MORE FOR ME TODAY THAN ANYBODY EVER DID BEFORE! I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK THE WHOLE WORLD WAS AGAINST ME!
I FIGURED YOU'VE HAD A ROUGH DEAL, JIMMY! HOMBRES YOUR AGE DON'T GO AROUND STICKING UP BANKS IF THEY'VE BEEN RAISED RIGHT!
MY FOLKS DIED WHEN I WAS A SMALL BOY! I NEVER WANT TO GO BACK TO CHAD,.. ER, I MEAN, THE OLD LIFE!
THE DAYS PASSED HAPPILY FOR YOUNG JIMMY ALTON, WHILE HARSH SCARS OF THE PAST WERE SLOWLY HEALED...
THAT'S RIGHT, RANDY! LET GO THE REINS AND GET ONE FOOT INTO THE FREE STIRRUP!
SOMEBODY WITH LOTS OF LAW-DODGING EXPERIENCE TAUGHT THAT BOY ALL THE TRICKS OF A ROAD AGENT!
DID YOU SEE ME DO THAT TRICK, KID? JIMMY'S GOIN' TO SHOW ME A LOT MORE, TOO!
YOU'LL BE A HARD-BITTEN CABALLERO WHEN JIMMY GETS THROUGH WITH YOU! BETTER COOL THOSE HORSES OFF AND BED 'EM DOWN NOW!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
GET YOURSELF WASHED UP AND READY FOR CHOW, RANDY! WHERE'S JIMMY?
HE'S OILING THE TACK OUT IN THE STABLE! HE'LL BE HERE IN A MINUTE, KID!

MEANWHILE, IN THE STABLE ...
CHAD! HOW'D Y-YOU FIND ME?
EASY ENOUGH, YUH DOUBLE-CROSSIN' LITTLE SIDEWINDER! HOW MUCH DID YOU GET OUT OF THAT BANK HAUL?
I DIDN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT, CHAD... HONEST! I BACKED OUT UNDER FIRE, AND GOT CAUGHT! DON'T MAKE TROUBLE FOR ME, CHAD! I'M GOIN' STRAIGHT NOW AN' LIVIN' CLEAN!
YOU'RE GOIN' BACK TO THAT BANK AND FINISH THE JOB YOU STARTED!
ALL RIGHT, CHAD! AT LEAST DON'T MAKE TROUBLE FOR ME HERE! THESE FOLKS HAVE BEEN DECENT TO ME! I CAN'T LET THEM DOWN ON THEIR OWN PLACE!
WELL, GO INSIDE AND PACK YOUR GEAR! DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO THEM!
I C-CAN'T STAY FOR DINNER, KID! I'VE GOT TO FINISH SOMETHING AND THEN I'LL BE BACK! PLEASE TRUST ME!
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND, JIMMY! IS SOMETHING WRONG? YOU CAN TELL ME IF THERE IS! YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN TO TRUST ME, TOO!
I TRUST YOU, KID... AND I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR ME! I'LL BE BACK... ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!
GO AHEAD, JIMMY! I KNOW YOU'RE TALKING FROM THE HEART! MAYBE SOMEDAY YOU'LL TELL ME WHAT'S EATIN' YOU!
AND A CRIME-HARDENED MAN RENEWED HIS RELENTLESS GRIP ON A HELPLESS YOUTH ...
THIS TIME I'LL BE WAITIN' OUTSIDE TO SEE YOU DON'T BACK DOWN! I'LL BE WITH THE HORSES!
LATER, IN SHOTGUN CITY...
NICE AN' QUIET! WE'LL GET OUT OVER THE WHITE ROCK PASS DOWN INTO EL CHARRO! DO A CLEAN JOB AN' WE'LL BE RESTIN' EASY FOR A LONG TIME!
BANK

ALL CLEAR! WALK IN LIKE YOU GOT BUSINESS TO DO AND THEN GO TO WORK!
NO! I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT... NOT AFTER SO MANY GOOD FOLKS TRUSTED ME! THIS IS THE SHOWDOWN BETWEEN ME AN' CHAD!
KEEP WALKING OUT, JIMMY! I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED! I UNDERSTAND A LOT OF THINGS I DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE!
KID! LET ME HANDLE THIS MYSELF! YOU'VE TAKEN ENOUGH RISKS ON MY ACCOUNT!
HEY, YOU LOWDOWN BUZZARD! DRAW AND DEAL!
WHAT?!
TWO PAIRS OF THUNDERING COLTS ROARED FOR SUPREMACY, BUT THE RAWHIDE KID'S SPOKE FIRST...
I'M GOING TO SEE TO IT THAT THE LAW THROWS THE BOOK AT YOU, MISTER!
I'M FREE... AT LAST!
JAIL
LATER...
DAVE, I'VE GOT A RIGHT SMART PROSPECT FOR THE STAGE LINE! CAN YOU USE A SHOTGUN GUARD?
GOOD ONES ARE HARD TO FIND, AND I HEAR TELL YOUNG JIMMY ALTON IS ONE OF THE BEST! YOU'RE HIRED, JIMMY!
TICKETS
THE END

THE NEW SHERIFF

SLOWLY the sun crept toward its zenith, and among the small group that had gathered around the Stage office the tension mounted, like the mercury in the thermometer nailed alongside the door of "Doc" Hudson's general store.

"Any sign of it yet?" queried Jim Tanner.

"Not that I can see," replied Mayor Stanton.

The mayor was a plumpish man, with a fine sense of humor, but the usual sparkling, blue eyes were clouded, and tiny wrinkles tugged at the corners of his mouth. He put a hand to his eyes, shading them from the burning rays of the overhead sun, and squinted hard along the dusty road on which the Stage was due.

"No," he repeated. "Nothing yet."

There was an uneasy shifting of feet, and side glances toward The Silver Nugget saloon across the street. A group of men had gathered there, too, but they were a different lot altogether. Hard, lean-faced men, with heavy gunbelts slung low across their hips. Their hands were hanging loosely at their sides, ready and waiting.

"I don't like the looks of it," muttered Jim Tanner. "They're waitin' on the Stage the same as us, an' you know exactly what they got in mind."

"I suppose I do," the mayor replied, "but there's no changing things now. We'll just have to wait and hope for the best."

He shaded his eyes again with his hand and glanced down the road. It was only a question of time, he knew, and the terrible pattern might be repeated. In the last six months the town of Sweetwater had seen their sheriffs come and go with alarming regularity. There had been eight officially sworn in during that time, and the longest any of them had remained was approximately two weeks. There was one that lasted no more than a day. The cause of it all was Curly Adams' Silver Nugget across the way. Curly was the *true* law in Sweetwater, and a sheriff learned it long before the dust of Sweetwater would settle on his boots. The "teeth" behind Curly's power were the men now clustered outside his establishment.

Now a new one was due, his arrival expected momentarily on the incoming Stage. All the mayor knew of him was that his name was Chuck Waters, and that his application came through the mail from Tombstone. The letter was in a neat hand. He had heard that Sweetwater was in need of a sheriff and he hoped the mayor would see fit to appoint him. He liked the idea of settling down in an established community, and he solemnly promised to discharge his duties to the best of his ability. Accordingly, Mayor Stanton had written back a reply telling him to come on in. Naturally the mayor had some misgivings. The thought of inviting a stranger into a nest of sullen gun-sharks wasn't an inviting one. But these were desperate days, and the mayor felt he had no choice.

Suddenly a cry went up. A column of dust was forming in the distance and the faint pound of hoofbeats floated their way.

"Here she comes now," said little Pete Spaller. He glanced up at the mayor, and the others followed suit.

Slowly Mayor Stanton ran his tongue over his dry lips. "All right, Boys," he said, trying to make his voice sound as casual as he could. "Let's be getting ready to meet our new sheriff."

Now the activity increased as the creak of the appoaching Stage became all the more audible. Shopkeepers came to their door and small groups began to collect. All eyes were pinpointed on the Silver Nugget Curly Adams had stepped outside and joined his men. A light smile played across his thin lips, and a glimmer of sarcasm illuminated his eyes as he glanced at the mayor's group across the way. He whispered close to the ear of his top gun-

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Bill! Look... a real air cushion innersole that customers can feel!
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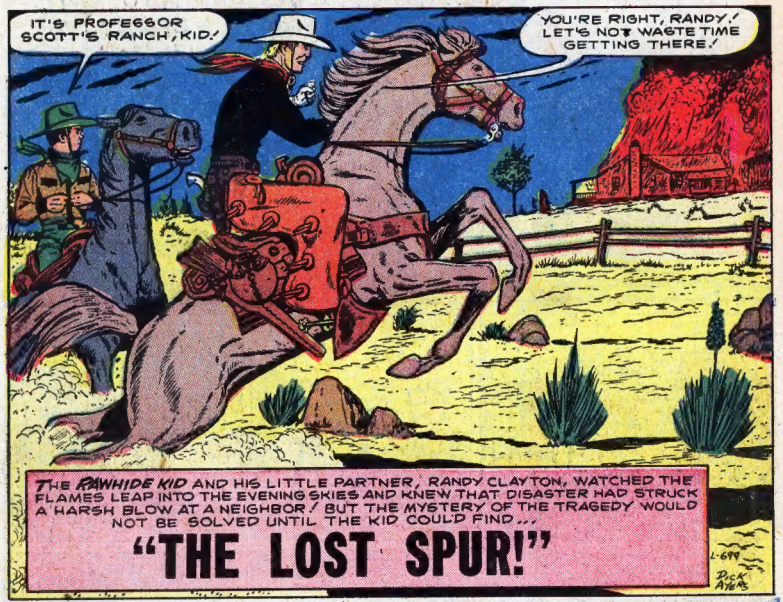
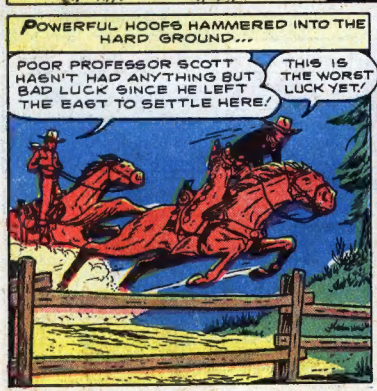
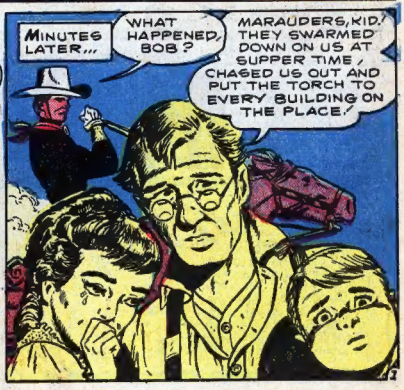
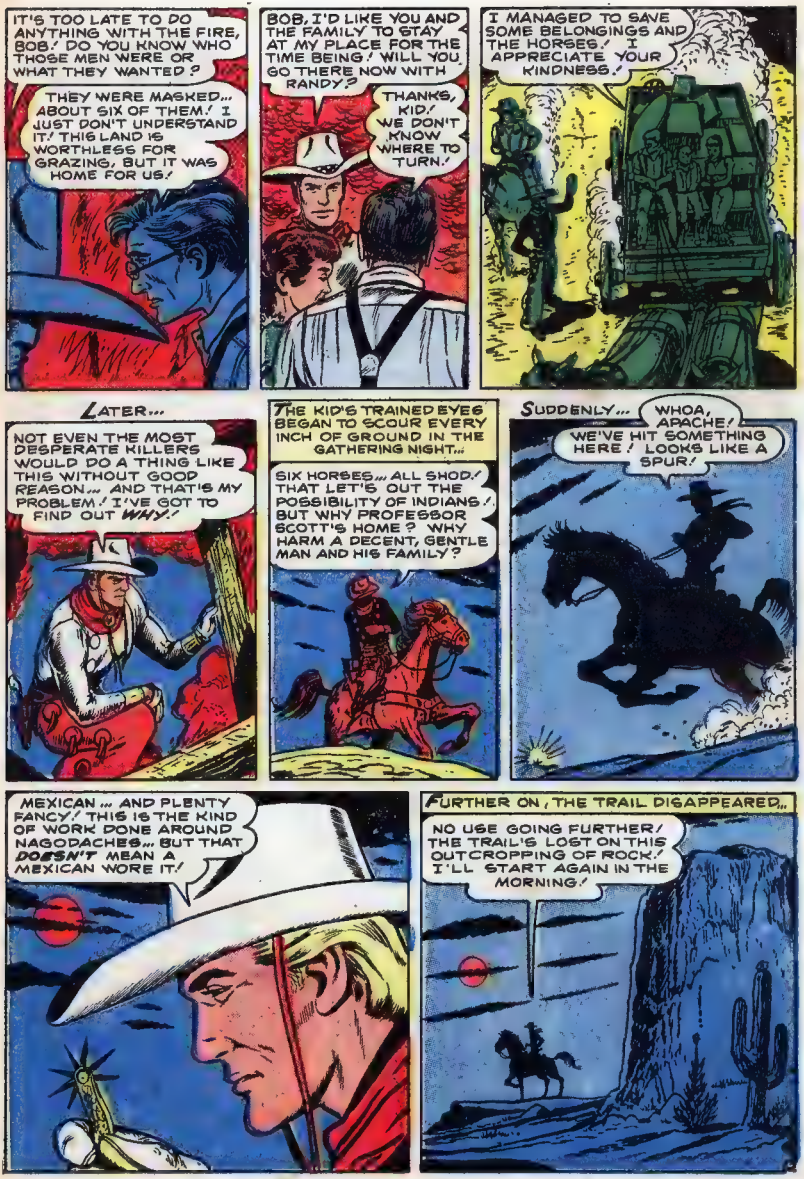

IT'S PROFESSOR SCOTT'S RANCH, KID.
YOU'RE RIGHT, RANDY. LET'S NOT WASTE TIME GETTING THERE.
THE RAWHIDE KID AND HIS LITTLE PARTNER, RANDY CLAYTON, WATCHED THE FLAMES LEAP INTO THE EVENING SKIES AND KNEW THAT DISASTER HAD STRUCK A HARSH BLOW AT A NEIGHBOR. BUT THE MYSTERY OF THE TRAGEDY WOULD NOT BE SOLVED UNTIL THE KID COULD FIND...
"THE LOST SPUR!"
L-699
RICK AYERS

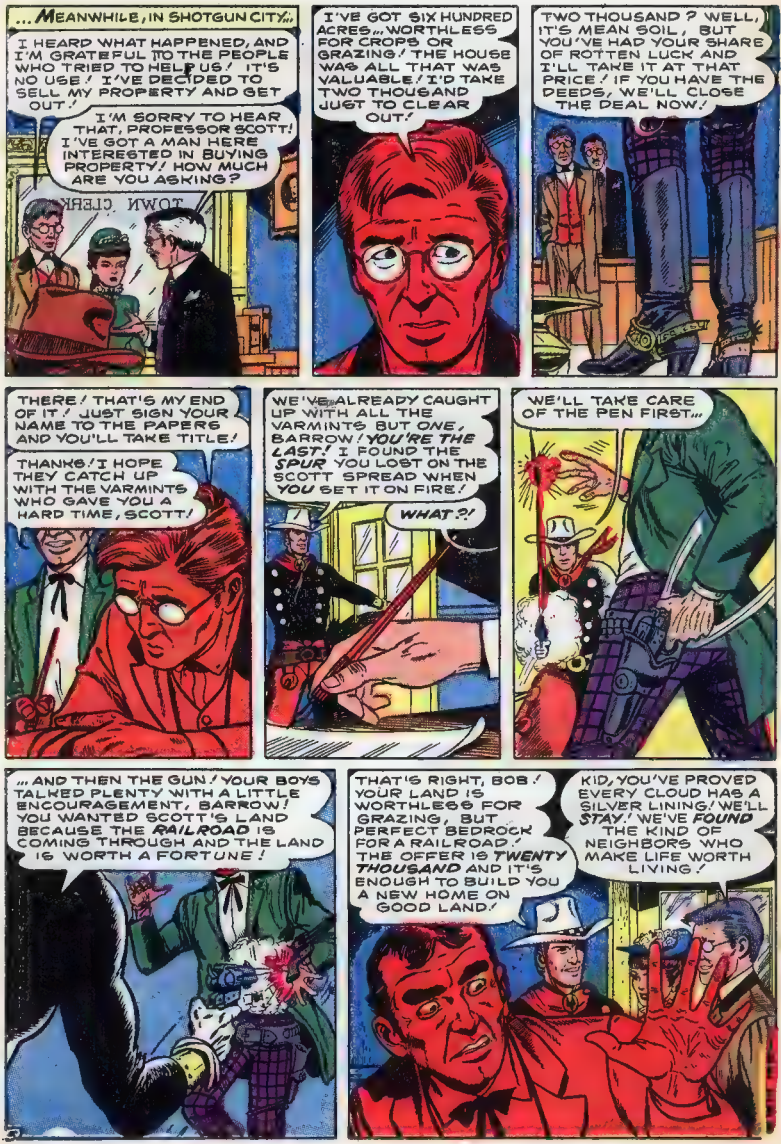

POWERFUL HOOFS HAMMERED INTO THE HARD GROUND...
POOR PROFESSOR SCOTT HASN'T HAD ANYTHING BUT BAD LUCK SINCE HE LEFT THE EAST TO SETTLE HERE.
THIS IS THE WORST LUCK YET.


MINUTES LATER...
WHAT HAPPENED, BOB?
MARAUDERS, KID. THEY SWARMED DOWN ON US AT SUPPER TIME, CHASED US OUT AND PUT THE TORCH TO EVERY BUILDING ON THE PLACE.


IT'S TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING WITH THE FIRE, BOB! DO YOU KNOW WHO THOSE MEN WERE OR WHAT THEY WANTED?
THEY WERE MASKED... ABOUT SIX OF THEM! I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! THIS LAND IS WORTHLESS FOR GRAZING, BUT IT WAS HOME FOR US!
BOB, I'D LIKE YOU AND THE FAMILY TO STAY AT MY PLACE FOR THE TIME BEING! WILL YOU, GO THERE NOW WITH RANDY?
THANKS, KID! WE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO TURN!
I MANAGED TO SAVE SOME BELONGINGS AND THE HORSES! I APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS!
LATER...
NOT EVEN THE MOST DESPERATE KILLERS WOULD DO A THING LIKE THIS WITHOUT GOOD REASON... AND THAT'S MY PROBLEM! I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHY!
THE KID'S TRAINED EYES BEGAN TO SCOUR EVERY INCH OF GROUND IN THE GATHERING NIGHT...
SIX HORSES... ALL SHOD! THAT LET'S OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF INDIANS! BUT WHY PROFESSOR SCOTT'S HOME? WHY HARM A DECENT, GENTLE MAN AND HIS FAMILY?
SUDDENLY... WHOA, APACHE!
WE'VE HIT SOMETHING HERE! LOOKS LIKE A SPUR!
MEXICAN... AND PLENTY FANCY! THIS IS THE KIND OF WORK DONE AROUND NAGODACHES... BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN A MEXICAN WORE IT!
FURTHER ON, THE TRAIL DISAPPEARED...
NO USE GOING FURTHER! THE TRAIL'S LOST ON THIS OUTCROPPING OF ROCK! I'LL START AGAIN IN THE MORNING!

NEXT MORNING, IN SHOTGUN CITY...
NOW, WE HAVE A DUTY TO ALL OUR CITIZENS, BUT ESPECIALLY TO BOB SCOTT'S FAMILY. HE'S A CREDIT TO OUR COMMUNITY AND WE CAN'T LET HIM DOWN!
WE'LL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO KEEP HIM FROM LEAVING US, KID! HE'S HAD A TOUGH STRUGGLE HERE... BAD LUCK ALL THE WAY. HOW CAN WE HELP?
WE'VE GOT TO SHOW BOB AND HIS FAMILY THAT HE HAS GOOD NEIGHBORS. I SUGGEST WE FORM A WORKING BEE TO REBUILD HIS HOME.
I'M ALL FOR THAT. WE BUSINESSMEN CAN DONATE LUMBER AND SUPPLIES. THE REST OF YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU KNOW BEST TO BUILD THE NEW HOME.
A FEW HOURS LATER, A CARAVAN OF PIONEERS SET OUT ON A MISSION OF GOODWILL...
I'D LIKE THIS FOR A SURPRISE FOR BOB AND HIS FAMILY. THEY'RE STAYING AT MY PLACE UNTIL THE NEW HOME IS READY.
KID, YOU KNOW I'M PROUD OF OUR PEOPLE. THIS IS THE WAY OUR NATION WILL GROW STRONG AND HEALTHY.
MEANWHILE, IN A REMOTE MOUNTAIN HIDEAWAY...
WE'RE IN TROUBLE, BARROW. A MOB OF NOSY CITIZENS IS ROLLING OUT TO THE SCOTT PLACE TO BUILD A NEW HOUSE.
WHAT? WELL, THEY WON'T GET FAR. I AIN'T DITCHIN' THIS DEAL AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE WE WENT TO.
THEY'LL HAVE TO HIT BUZZARD GORGE TO GET TO THE SCOTT PLACE. YOU MEN HAUL THESE BARRELS OF POWDER OUT THERE PRONTO AND BLAST THE GORGE SO THE PASS IS BLOCKED.
ONE HOUR LATER...
GET THEM FUSES SET FAST. WE AIN'T GOT MUCH TIME TO BLOW THIS GORGE. THE BOYS ON THE OTHER SIDE ARE ALMOST READY.
AND A FEW MINUTES LATER, BUZZARD GORGE WAS BLOWN INTO OBLIVION...
A FEW MORE MINUTES AND WE'D HAVE BEEN IN THAT PASS.

SUDDENLY, THE AIR WAS FILLED WITH HISSING BULLETS...
LARRY! RIDE BACK TO TOWN AND GET HELP! THE REST OF YOU WHEEL INTO A FIGHTING CIRCLE AND LET'S SHOW THOSE BUZZARDS WE DON'T SCARE EASY!
JUST KEEP THE VARMINTS OFF! YOU CAN BET THIS IS THE BUNCH WHO BURNED DOWN THE SCOTT SPREAD!
A THUNDERING CAVALCADE OF ANGRY CITIZENS RACED OUT OF SHOTGUN CITY TO AVENGE THEIR NEIGHBORS...
RIDE HARD, BOYS! THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO SETTLE UP SCORES!
AND AS THE MOUNTED HORNETS DESCENDED ON THE SCENE OF DISASTER...
...THE THUGS FLUSHED FROM COVER LIKE SKULKING WOLVES...
THERE THEY GO, BOYS! LET ME TAKE THE FIRST PASS AT THEM!
YOU'LL HAVE TO KEEP UP WITH ME WHILE I GET YOUR PARTNERS, YOU WEASEL!
NOW THE KID'S GUNS WENT TO WORK WITH ROARS OF AUTHORITY...
YOU'RE READY FOR BRANDING, BUT IT WILL BE THE LAW THAT DOES THE JOB!


...MEANWHILE, IN SHOTGUN CITY...
I HEARD WHAT HAPPENED, AND I'M GRATEFUL TO THE PEOPLE WHO TRIED TO HELP US! IT'S NO USE! I'VE DECIDED TO SELL MY PROPERTY AND GET OUT!
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT, PROFESSOR SCOTT! I'VE GOT A MAN HERE INTERESTED IN BUYING PROPERTY! HOW MUCH ARE YOU ASKING?
TOWN CLERK
I'VE GOT SIX HUNDRED ACRES... WORTHLESS FOR CROPS OR GRAZING! THE HOUSE WAS ALL THAT WAS VALUABLE! I'D TAKE TWO THOUSAND JUST TO CLEAR OUT!
TWO THOUSAND? WELL, IT'S MEAN SOIL, BUT YOU'VE HAD YOUR SHARE OF ROTTEN LUCK AND I'LL TAKE IT AT THAT PRICE! IF YOU HAVE THE DEEDS, WE'LL CLOSE THE DEAL NOW!
THERE! THAT'S MY END OF IT! JUST SIGN YOUR NAME TO THE PAPERS AND YOU'LL TAKE TITLE!
THANKS! I HOPE THEY CATCH UP WITH THE VARMINTS WHO GAVE YOU A HARD TIME, SCOTT!
WE'VE ALREADY CAUGHT UP WITH ALL THE VARMINTS BUT ONE, BARROW! YOU'RE THE LAST! I FOUND THE SPUR YOU LOST ON THE SCOTT SPREAD WHEN YOU SET IT ON FIRE!
WHAT?!
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE PEN FIRST...
...AND THEN THE GUN! YOUR BOYS TALKED PLENTY WITH A LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT, BARROW! YOU WANTED SCOTT'S LAND BECAUSE THE RAILROAD IS COMING THROUGH AND THE LAND IS WORTH A FORTUNE!
THAT'S RIGHT, BOB! YOUR LAND IS WORTHLESS FOR GRAZING, BUT PERFECT BEDROCK FOR A RAILROAD! THE OFFER IS TWENTY THOUSAND AND IT'S ENOUGH TO BUILD YOU A NEW HOME ON GOOD LAND!
KID, YOU'VE PROVED EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING! WE'LL STAY! WE'VE FOUND THE KIND OF NEIGHBORS WHO MAKE LIFE WORTH LIVING!

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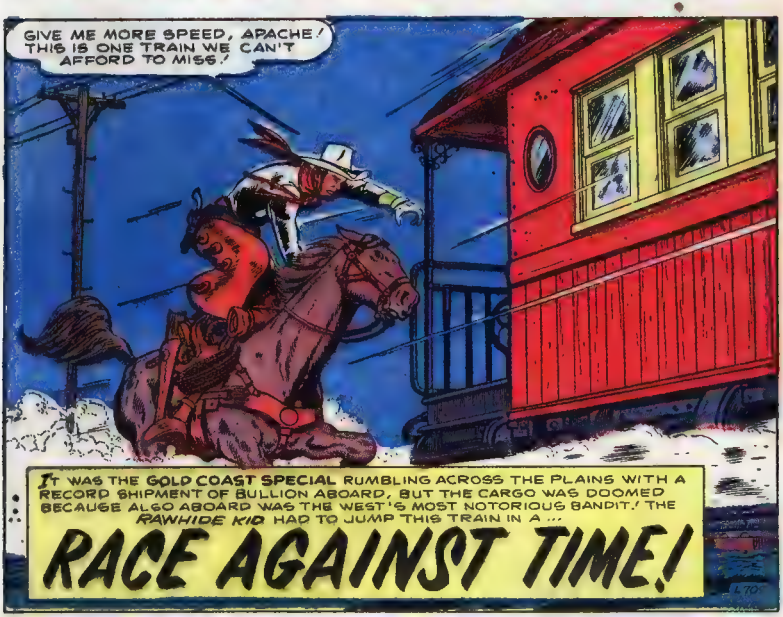
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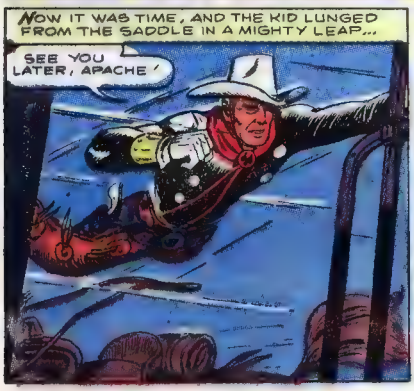

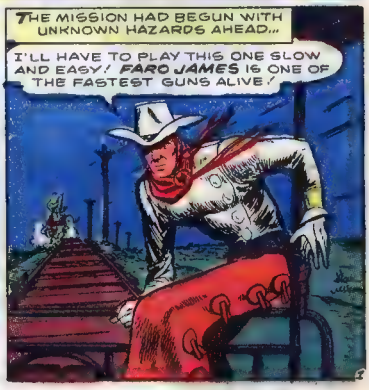
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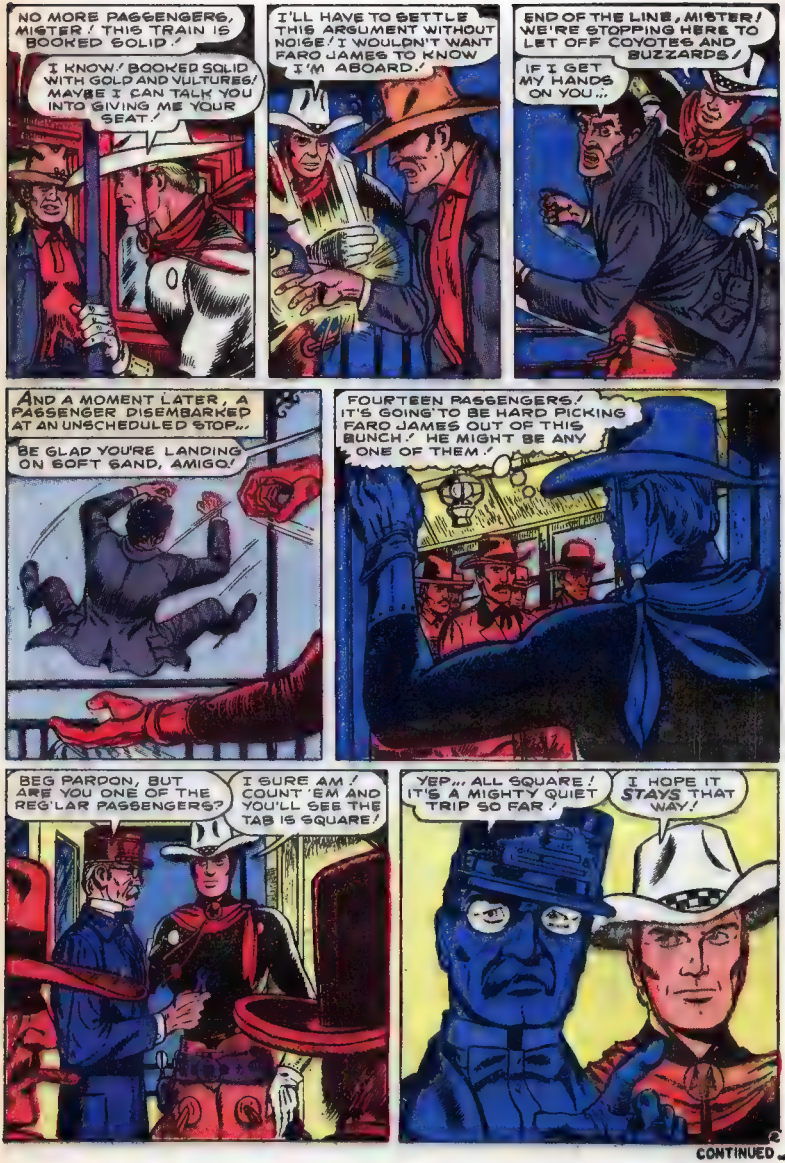
NO MORE PASSENGERS, MISTER! THIS TRAIN IS BOOKED SOLID!
I KNOW! BOOKED SOLID WITH GOLD AND VULTURES! MAYBE I CAN TALK YOU INTO GIVING ME YOUR SEAT!
I'LL HAVE TO SETTLE THIS ARGUMENT WITHOUT NOISE! I WOULDN'T WANT FARO JAMES TO KNOW I'M ABOARD!
END OF THE LINE, MISTER! WE'RE STOPPING HERE TO LET OFF COYOTES AND BUZZARDS!
IF I GET MY HANDS ON YOU...
AND A MOMENT LATER, A PASSENGER DISEMBARKED AT AN UNSCHEDULED STOP...
BE GLAD YOU'RE LANDING ON SOFT SAND, AMIGO!
FOURTEEN PASSENGERS! IT'S GOING TO BE HARD PICKING FARO JAMES OUT OF THIS BUNCH! HE MIGHT BE ANY ONE OF THEM!
BEG PARDON, BUT ARE YOU ONE OF THE REG'LAR PASSENGERS?
I SURE AM! COUNT 'EM AND YOU'LL SEE THE TAB IS SQUARE!
YEP... ALL SQUARE! IT'S A MIGHTY QUIET TRIP SO FAR!
I HOPE IT STAYS THAT WAY!

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IT WAS AN ACT OF DELIBERATE PROVOCATION...
OWWW.' LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOIN', STRANGER!
WHAT?!
GET YOUR BIG, CLUMSY CLODS OUT OF THE AISLE OR I'LL SHOOT THE BOOTS OFF 'EM.' AN' THAT GOES FOR ALL OF YUH BUZZARDS.' ANY OBJECTIONS?
NOBODY REACHED, AND THE RAWHIDE KID KNEW THAT FARO JAMES WAS NOT ONE OF THESE MEN...
FARO JAMES WOULD HAVE DRAWN ON A CHALLENGE LIKE THAT.'
NOW JUST SEE YOU KEEP THE AISLES CLEAR!
IF YOU HOMBRES WILL PLAY FOR MAN-SIZE STAKES, I'LL BE GLAD TO JOIN THE GAME.'
THESE STAKES ARE HIGH ENOUGH.' I DON'T RECKON YOU COULD STAY FOR MORE THAN TWO HANDS IF YOU DECIDED TO PLAY.'
WHERE I COME FROM, TENDERFEET PLAY FOR THOSE STAKES.' I GUESS YOU HOMBRES FIGURE IT'S EASIER TO CHEAT IN A SMALL GAME.'
JUST TAKE IT EASY, MISTER.' IF YOU THINK THERE'S CHEATING GOING ON, PUT YOUR CARDS ON THE TABLE AND SAY WHO.'
BUT AGAIN, NO MAN WENT FOR HIS GUNS...
I'D SAY YOU'RE ALL PLAYING OFF THE EDGE.' WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
NOTHING.' THIS IS A STRAIGHT GAME AND WE'RE ALL ENJOYIN' IT.' GO PEDDLE YOUR PALAVER SOMEWHERE ELSE.'

IF THAT TALK DIDN'T DRAW FARO JAMES OUT, HE'S SMARTER THAN I THOUGHT HE WAS!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, CONDUCTOR? YOU LOOK WORRIED!
I AM! OLD MATT STEVENS IS RUNNIN' THIS TRAIN! HE WAS ALWAYS STEADY AS A ROCK, BUT LOOK WHAT HE'S DOIN' NOW! WE'RE AN HOUR AHEAD ON A STRETCH WHICH IS MIGHTY DANGEROUS!
AND SOMETHING CLICKED IN THE KID'S MIND! PARTS BEGAN TO FALL INTO LOGICAL PLACES...
HEY! NOBODY'S ALLOWED UP FRONT! THAT'S THE GOLD TRAIN!
THERE WON'T BE ANY GOLD LEFT UNLESS I REACH THAT ENGINE CAB!
AND A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
CUT THE THROTTLE OR YOUR HAND WILL BE DEAD ON THE SWITCH, FARO! IT TOOK ME SOME TIME TO FIGURE WHERE YOU WERE, BUT THE CONDUCTOR TIPPED ME OFF!
WHAT?! D-DON'T SHOOT!
I'M SURE GLAD YOU SHOWED UP! THIS KILLER HAS HIS PALS READY TO MEET THE TRAIN ABOUT FIVE MILES AHEAD!
WELL, HE'LL NEVER MAKE THE APPOINTMENT! TAKE OVER WHILE I WARN THE PASSENGERS! I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG WHEN THE CONDUCTOR SAID THE TRAIN WAS OFF SCHEDULE!
WHEN THE TRAIN REACHED THE OUTLAWS HIDING IN AMBUSH, THE RAWHIDE KID AND SOME OF HIS FELLOW PASSENGERS WERE READY FOR THEM!
OWW! WE'VE HAD ENOUGH! WE GIVE UP!
GIVE US A BREAK!
THE MARSHAL AND HIS DEPUTIES WERE SOON ON HAND TO TAKE CHARGE...
YOU'LL FIND ONE OF FARO'S GUNHANDS A FEW MILES BACK, PROBABLY WALKING THIS WAY, MARSHAL! I SORTA TOOK HIS PLACE ON THE TRAIN!
RIGHT, KID... AND WE OWE YOU A DEBT OF THANKS!

The TEXAS GUNHAWK

HE SAT HIS HORSE LIKE HE OWNED THE WORLD! HIS COLD, STEEL-BLUE EYES LOOKED NEITHER LEFT NOR RIGHT... BUT YOU GOT THE FEELING THAT THEY SAW EVERYTHING! HIS GUNS HUNG LOW AT HIS SIDE, AND HIS LOOSE, RAW-BONED FINGERS WERE NEVER FAR FROM THEIR HAIR-TRIGGERS! HE WAS A MAN OF THE WEST! NEITHER GOOD NOR BAD! JUST A HARD-LIVING, HARD-FIGHTING, COLT-QUICK LEGEND! HE WAS THE...
TEXAS GUNHAWK!

by Stan Lee

LOOKY THERE.. IT'S *HIM*... IT'S THE TEXAS GUNHAWK!

I HEARD HE WAS IN THESE PARTS!

SO THAT'S WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE! HE'S EVEN MORE COLD-LOOKIN' THEN I HEARD HE WUZ!

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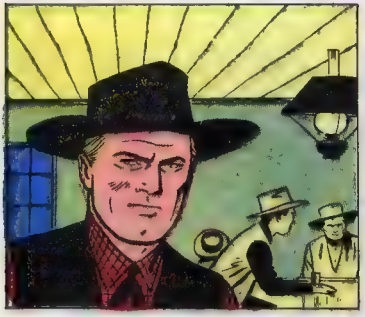
HE'S STOPPIN' AT THE HOTEL!
RECKON HE PLANS TO STAY IN TOWN A SPELL!
HOTEL
I'D LIKE A ROOM FOR TONIGHT, MISTER!
SORRY... ALL FULL UP! TRY THE NEXT TOWN!
I WANT TO STAY IN THIS TOWN!
NOW, LISTEN STRANGER! I...THE GUNHAWK!
OF COURSE WE GOT A ROOM FOR YUH! I DIDN'T KNOW WHO YOU WERE! I'M MIGHTY SORRY... NO OFFENSE MEANT...
SIMMER DOWN, MISTER! I AIN'T LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE... JUST GIMME THAT ROOM!
WHAT'S A GUN-FIGHTER LIKE THAT DOING IN A PEACEABLE TOWN LIKE CACTUS GAP?
BEATS ME... MEBBE HE'S AIMIN' TO MEET UP WITH SOMEONE!
WHATEVER HE WANTS... I DON'T LIKE IT!

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, THE TEXAS GUNHAWK KEPT TO HIMSELF IN CACTUS GAP... HE AVOIDED TROUBLE AND ATTENDED TO HIS OWN AFFAIRS... BUT ALWAYS HE SEEMED TO BE LOOKING...TO BE SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING...OR SOMEONE!



ONE DAY, A WEEK AFTER HE HAD ENTERED TOWN...IT HAPPENED...

SO THAT'S THE TEXAS GUNHAWK LOOKS MORE LIKE A CALIFORNIA CROW TO ME! HAW! HAW!
IF HE WAS SO HANDY WITH HIS GUNS, HE WOULDN'T WASTE ALL HIS TIME IN A NO-COUNT TOWN LIKE THIS!
I RECKON ANY ONE OF THE THREE OF US COULD TAKE HIM!

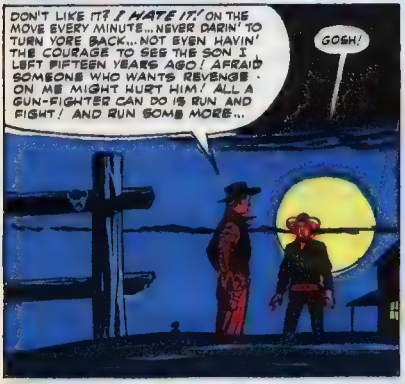
YOU BOYS TALK MIGHTY LOUD...I RECKON YUH FIGURE YUH GOT THE GUN-HANDS TO BACK UP YORE PLAY!
I RECKON WE DO...IF YUH WANNA SEE, JUST DRAW!

FOR YEARS AFTER THAT, MEN TALKED ABOUT THE GUNHAWK'S DRAW! NOT A LIVING HUMAN BEING IN THAT SALOON SAW HIS HANDS MOVE...AND YET...TWO COLTS APPEARED, ONE IN EACH HAND AND TWO SHOTS RANG OUT LIKE ONE...

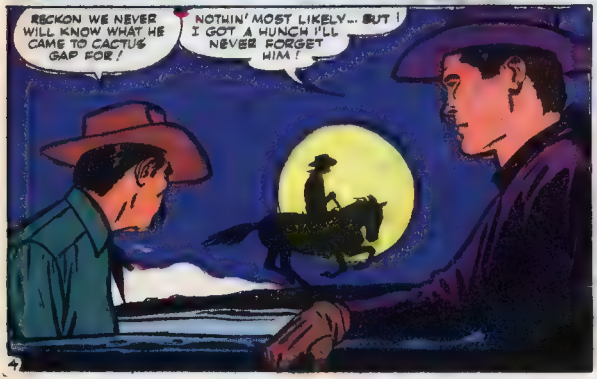
NOBODY HUMAN COULD DRAW LIKE THAT!
YOU WIN, MISTER... I CAN'T DRAW AGAINST GREASED LIGHTNING!
YOU'RE A SMART HOMBRE, SON! WHAT'S YORE NAME?

MUH NAME'S TIM JAMESON! I-I RECKON WE HAD NO RIGHT RIDIN' YUH THE WAY WE DID AT THE BAR!
I'M USED TO IT, SON! PEOPLE ALWAYS RIDE A GUN-FIGHTER CAUSE THEY'RE ALWAYS HOPIN' SOMEBODY'LL BEAT 'IM!
STOR

IF ONE OF YOU BOYS HAD BEAT ME, YORE VICTORY WOULDN'T HAVE LASTED TOO LONG... SOONER OR LATER SOMEONE JUST A MITE FASTER WOULD COME ALONG...THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENS!
YUH SOUND LIKE YOU DON'T LIKE BEIN' A FAMOUS GUN-FIGHTER!


DON'T LIKE IT? I HATE IT! ON THE MOVE EVERY MINUTE...NEVER DARIN' TO TURN YORE BACK... NOT EVEN HAVIN' THE COURAGE TO SEE THE SON I LEFT FIFTEEN YEARS AGO! AFRAID SOMEONE WHO WANTS REVENGE ON ME MIGHT HURT HIM! ALL A GUN-FIGHTER CAN DO IS RUN AND FIGHT! AND RUN SOME MORE...
GOSH!

WELL I RECKON I STAYED IN THIS TOWN LONG ENUFF... I'LL BE RIDIN' ON NOW... BUT REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU, YOUNG FELLA...NEVER ENVY A GUN-FIGHTER!
I'LL REMEMBER, GUNHAWK!



AND TIM JAMESON NEVER DID FORGET THE GUNHAWK'S ADVICE! WHICH WAS A GOOD THING, BECAUSE ALTHOUGH TIM NEVER KNEW IT...THE GUN-HAWK'S REAL NAME WAS JACK JAMESON! HE WAS TIM'S FATHER!! THE GUNHAWK HAD FINISHED HIS BUSINESS IN CACTUS GAP! HE HAD GIVEN HIS SON THE ONE LEGACY HE COULD LEAVE HIM...THE ADVICE NOT TO BE A GUN-FIGHTER!

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shark, "Get this over with fast, Corky," he said. "This time the Mayor's gonna learn that I mean business!"

"It'll go so fast, it'll make his head spin," replied Corky. "Don't worry," he added. "We'll handle it as slick as we did the others."

Their words were drowned out by the noisy arrival of the Stage. It clattered to a halt and Mayor Stanton and his welcoming committee pressed forward. Seconds later the door swung open, and a lean, male figure stepped down. He glanced quickly over the group, and then the mayor was stepping forward, his hand held out in greeting.

"Chuck Waters?" he asked.

The man flashed a warm smile and grasped the outstretched hand.

"Chuck Waters it is," he said. "And I take it you're Mayor Stanton. It's a pleasure meeting you, Sir."

An awkward silence followed, as the commitee eyed the new arrival. He was no longer young, although his figure was still trim. Streaks of silver ran through his hair, and he was only of medium stature. The disappointment on their faces was undisguised.

Mayor Stanton coughed nervously and forced a smile.

"Not too dusty a ride, I hope?"

The smile was back on Chuck Waters' face.

"I enjoyed every minute of it," he said. "It's beautiful country you have", he added. "I imagine the folks here in Sweetwater are a contented and happy lot. Like I said in my letter, Mayor, the idea of settling here pleased me. Now that I'm here I'm convinced."

The committee passed worried glances among themselves, and when the mayor spoke, the forced smile was replaced by a creased frown.

"I'm afraid there's been a mistake," he began. We figured on a younger man. Actually, we think the job calls for it."

"And we're inclined to agree with the Mayor," came a voice from behind.

All heads turned to face Corky Lemmon. His thumbs were hooked loosely into his gunbelt, and his smile was as cold as tempered steel. His cronies were three deep behind him.

"Take my advice," cautioned Corky, his eyes never wavering from Chuck Waters, "and climb back onto that Stage."

There was barely any change in Waters' expression. He turned toward the mayor and his voice was as even as a clipped hedge.

"How about it, Mayor?" he asked. "If it's no deal I'll ride out, but if you need a sheriff I'll be glad to take care of this loudmouthed waddy as my first official duty."

They heard Corky's cry of rage and saw his hand drop back to the worn holster, but then the impossible happened. Seemingly, from out of the air itself, blue steel glistened in Chuck Waters' hand, and the air roiled with a thunderous blast. The *splanng* of metal followed as Corky's gun spun out of his startled grasp. The remaining gunmen simply froze, not daring to draw.

Waters faced the mayor. "Do I put 'em in the lockup?"

"I suppose so," said the mayor with a grin. "Seems to me it's the *sheriff's* job!"

The committee nodded in smiling agreement.

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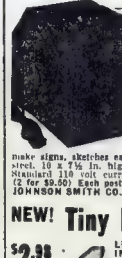

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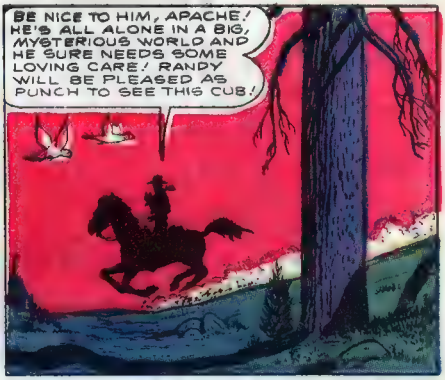
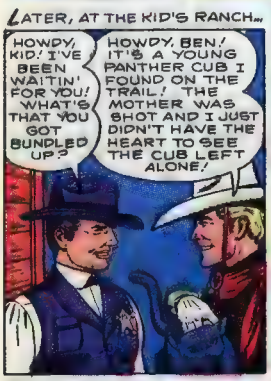
WHOA, APACHE! IT'S A PANTHER CUB AND ITS MOTHER! I'M AFRAID THAT POOR LITTLE FELLER IS AN ORPHAN NOW!

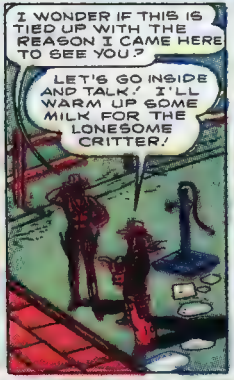
THE KID MOVED FORWARD CAUTIOUSLY, MAKING SURE OF EVERY STEP HE TOOK...

THE MOTHER IS DEAD AND THAT CUB DOESN'T SEEM TO KNOW WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT! I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM TO STARVE!

POOR LITTLE SHAVER! NOW WHAT LOWDOWN BUZZARD WOULD SHOOT A PANTHER WITH A CUB? NO INDIAN WOULD DO IT, AND CERTAINLY NONE OF OUR FOLKS!

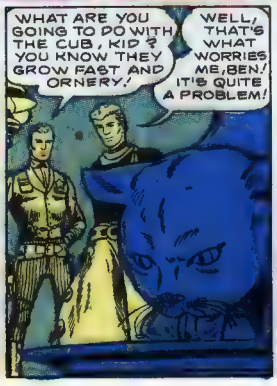

BE NICE TO HIM, APACHE! HE'S ALL ALONE IN A BIG, MYSTERIOUS WORLD AND HE SURE NEEDS SOME LOVING CARE! RANDY WILL BE PLEASED AS PUNCH TO SEE THIS CUB!

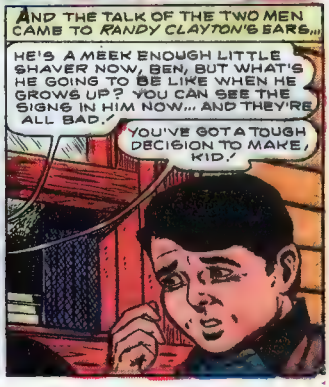

LATER, AT THE KID'S RANCH...
HOWDY, KID! I'VE BEEN WAITIN' FOR YOU! WHAT'S THAT YOU GOT BUNDLED UP?
HOWDY, BEN! IT'S A YOUNG PANTHER CUB I FOUND ON THE TRAIL! THE MOTHER WAS SHOT AND I JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO SEE THE CUB LEFT ALONE!


I WONDER IF THIS IS TIED UP WITH THE REASON I CAME HERE TO SEE YOU?
LET'S GO INSIDE AND TALK! I'LL WARM UP SOME MILK FOR THE LONESOME CRITTER!

WE'VE GOT SOME MEAN POACHERS OPERATING IN THIS AREA, KID! THEY'VE LEFT THE SIGNS OF THEIR DIRTY WORK ALL OVER THE RANGE! I WONDER IF *THEY* SHOT THE PANTHER?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT WAS A HEARTLESS THING TO DO! EVERY DECENT MAN IN THESE PARTS WOULD LET A MOTHER PANTHER AND HER CUB GO BY!


WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE CUB, KID? YOU KNOW THEY GROW FAST AND ORNERY!
WELL, THAT'S WHAT WORRIES ME, BEN! IT'S QUITE A PROBLEM!


AND THE TALK OF THE TWO MEN CAME TO *RANDY CLAYTON'S* EARS...
HE'S A MEEK ENOUGH LITTLE SHAVER NOW, BEN, BUT WHAT'S HE GOING TO BE LIKE WHEN HE GROWS UP? YOU CAN SEE THE SIGNS IN HIM NOW... AND THEY'RE ALL BAD.
YOU'VE GOT A TOUGH DECISION TO MAKE, KID.

SOMEHOW I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF HIM, BEN! IT WON'T BE TOO LONG BEFORE HE'LL BE EATING MORE THAN I CAN PROVIDE!
WELL, KID, THE SOONER YOU GET RID OF HIM, THE BETTER! I RECKON YOU CAN FIND A NEW HOME FOR HIM!
TEARS FILLED YOUNG RANDY'S EYES AND HIS HEART FELT SUDDENLY HEAVY...
THERE WON'T BE ANY NEW HOME FOR ME! I THOUGHT THIS WAS MY HOME... I THOUGHT KID REALLY WAS LIKE MY FATHER, BUT I WAS WRONG!
YOU AND I ARE GOING TO HIT THE TRAIL, KING! WE'RE NOT WANTED HERE! I'M A BURDEN TO KID... TOO BIG TO FEED AND CARE FOR! I'M NEVER COMING BACK!
AND A HEARTBROKEN BOY LOPED INTO THE TRACKLESS PLAINS IN SEARCH OF A NEW LIFE...
WE'LL FIND A NICE SPOT AND CAMP OUT, KING! WE'LL BE ON SHORT RATIONS FOR A WHILE, BUT WE'LL MANAGE!
REIN IN AN' SIT TIGHT! WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' OUT HERE?
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, AND YOU CAN JUST BURY YOUR HARDWARE BECAUSE I DON'T SCARE EASY!
THE BANDITS GAWKED AS THE BOY'S WINCHESTER WHIPPED OUT AND ROARED...
GLORY BE... HE'S GOT US BRACED!
FREEZE, OR THE NEXT ONE WILL TEACH YOU REAL MANNERS!
BOY, OUR HATS ARE OFF TO YOU! WE'VE BEEN LOOKIN' FOR A PARDNER TO SHARE OUR CAMP, SO WHY NOT JOIN US?
DO YOU REALLY MEAN THAT? I'LL SURE ACCEPT THAT INVITATION! I HAVEN'T EATEN FOR HOURS!

JAKE, STIR UP THE FIRE AN' PUT UP ENOUGH GRUB FOR AN EXTRA HAND! WE GOT A LI'L PARDNER HERE WHO'S HANDIER WITH A WINCHESTER THAN YOU ARE WITH A SKILLET.!
GLAD TO HAVE HIS COMPANY.! GRUB'S ALMOST READY.!
GOSH.! WHERE'D ALL THOSE HIDES COME FROM? THEY LOOK GREEN TO ME.!
OH, WE PICKED 'EM UP.! TRADED 'EM FROM SOME REDSKINS WE MET.!
NO INDIAN WOULD SHOOT FOR HIDES THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.! MOST GAME ARE CARRYING YOUNG.!
ALL RIGHT.! WE TOOK THOSE HIDES OURSELVES.! NOW KEEP YOUR MOUTH IN YOUR PLATE AND QUIT BEIN' NOSY.!
STAY PUT, YOU YOUNG WILDCAT.! WE'RE POACHERS, UNDERSTAND? GET HIS WINCHESTER, LOBO.! WE'LL PUT HIM TO WORK IN CAMP UNTIL WE'RE READY TO LEAVE THE TERRITORY.!
I'M NOT WORKING FOR YOU POLECATS.! I'LL HEAD OUT ON MY OWN.!
DON'T GIVE US ANY TROUBLE AN' WE'LL ALL GET ALONG.! NOW GET TO WORK ON THOSE MEGS PLATES.! THERE'S A STREAM DOWN YONDER.!
IF KID WERE ONLY HERE.! I RECKON I'D BETTER DO WHAT THEY SAY UNTIL I GET A CHANCE TO BREAK.!
THAT NIGHT, AS THE MEN DOZED...
I MANAGED TO SNEAK OFF WITH THREE BOXES OF AMMO.! I THINK NOW'S THE TIME.!
ONE BY ONE, THE AMMO BOXES FLIPPED INTO THE CAMPFIRE...
HERE GOES.! MAYBE SOMEONE WILL HEAR THE RACKET.!

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ON YOUR FEET, MEN! A POSSE'S GOT US SURROUNDED!
LEAVE EVERYTHING AND GRAB THE HORSES!
THE HORSES ARE GONE! SOMEBODY SLASHED THEIR TETHERS,,, AN' I THINK I KNOW WHO!
WE'VE HAD NOTHIN' BUT HARD LUCK SINCE THIS LITTLE WEASEL GOT ON OUR BACKS!
MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY...
SHOOTING... AND PLENTY OF IT! IT SEEMS TO BE COMING FROM THE EAST!
LET'S MOVE, APACHE! I'VE GOT A HUNCH WE'LL FIND RANDY WHERE THAT SHOOTING IS! AT LEAST HIS TRAIL HAS LED US THIS FAR!
MINUTES LATER, A WHIRLWIND OF FURY STRUCK THE CAMP...
HIT THE DIRT, RANDY! I'LL MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP HERE!
KID, I WAS NEVER SO GLAD TO SEE ANYBODY IN MY LIFE! ARE YOU STILL FIGURING ON GETTING RID OF ME?
GETTING RID OF YOU? WHERE DID YOU GET THAT LOCO IDEA?
LATER, IN THE COMFORT OF THE ONLY HOME HE HAD EVER KNOWN...
... AND THAT'S THE LITTLE RASCAL I WAS TALKING ABOUT, RANDY! AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'VE DECIDED TO KEEP HIM AROUND AS A PET!
GEE! A REAL PANTHER CUB! YOU KNOW, KID... I'LL BET HE'S AS GLAD TO HAVE A REAL HOME AS I AM! WE'RE BOTH LUCKY!
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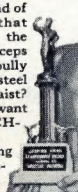

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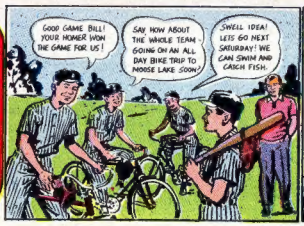
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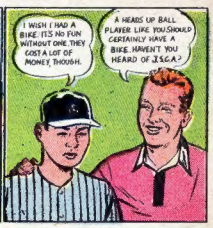
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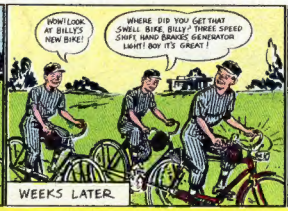
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